THE JUNGLE PATROL, ON LONG-RANGE RECONNAISSANCE...
Falk 8/7

...KEEPING THE PEACE THROUGH VIGILANCE...
EVERYBODY DOWN! CAPTAIN! COME QUICK!
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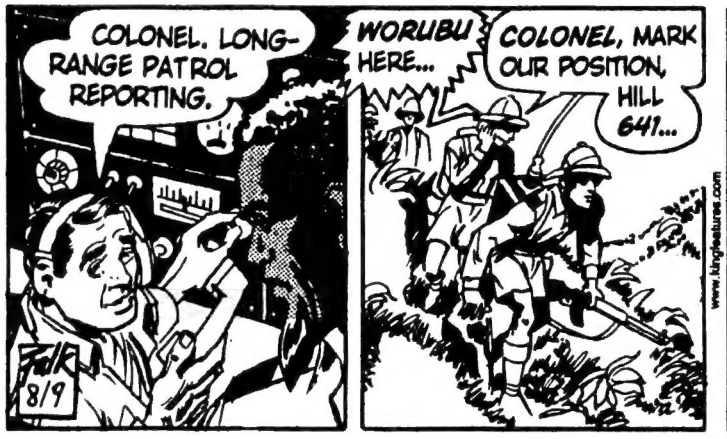
MEN CLEARING A ROAD IN THE JUNGLE...
SO? NOT ILLEGAL IN THIS AREA...
Falk 8/8

NO, BUT I THINK WE WANT TO CHECK OUT THESE GUYS ANYWAY.


COLONEL. LONG-RANGE PATROL REPORTING.
WORUBU HERE...
COLONEL, MARK OUR POSITION, HILL 641...
Falk 8/9
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WE'RE GOING DOWN FOR A LOOK AT,...UH...WELL... SOME ROMANS.

THERE ARE NO ROMANS IN BENGALLA, CAPTAIN...
I'LL BE SURE TO TELL THEM THAT, COLONEL.
Falk 8/10

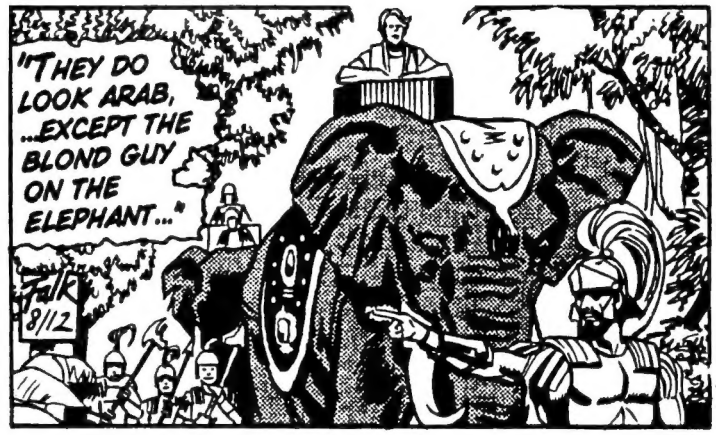
...WHY 'ROMANS', ANYWAY? ARE THEY DRIVING FIATS?
NOT MODERN ROMANS, COLONEL...

...ANCIENT ONES. PATROL OUT.

MAYBE THEY'RE MAKING A MOVIE, CAPTAIN...
Falk 8/11

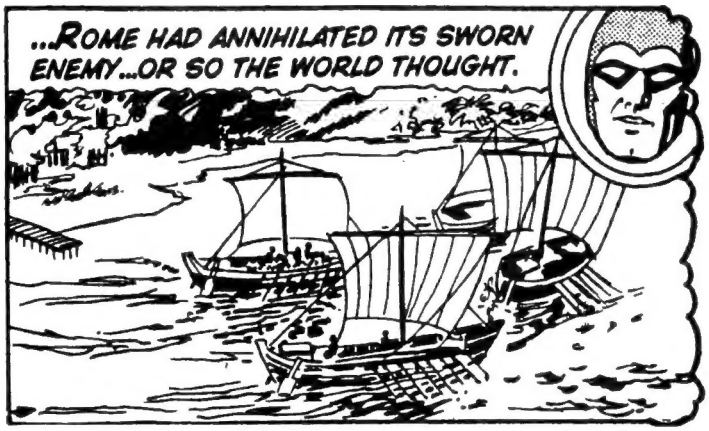
I DON'T SEE ANY CAMERAS...

ANOTHER THING...THESE 'ROMANS' LOOK LIKE ARABS.


"THEY DO LOOK ARAB, ...EXCEPT THE BLOND GUY ON THE ELEPHANT..."
Falk 8/12

WHAT DO WE DO?
THIS IS A RECON PATROL, MAN... WE OBSERVE, THEN WE VANISH.

"CARTHAGE WAS SACKED IN THE THIRD PUNIC WAR, 146 A.D...."
Falk 8/18


...ROME HAD ANNIHILATED ITS SWORN ENEMY...OR SO THE WORLD THOUGHT.

..."AN ELITE CARTHAGINIAN GUARD SPIRITED AWAY A REMNANT OF THE RUINED CIVILIZATION"...
Falk 8/19

"THEY BURNED THEIR SHIPS, VANISHED INTO THE JUNGLES OF ANCIENT BANGALLA"...
NOW THEIR DESCENDANTS BUILD A ROAD TO THE SEA, I MUST KNOW WHY.

THIS ONE GAVE ORDERS, AND SEEMED TO GUARD THE ELEPHANT RIDER...

YOU DID WELL TO STAY OUT OF SIGHT, CAPTAIN.
WHAT NOW, SIR?

OUR SECRET COMMANDER WILL KNOW WHAT TO DO.
Falk 8/14

TIME TO CHECK IN ON THE JUNGLE PATROL...
Falk 8/15

FAITHFUL WORUBU, ON THE JOB, AS ALWAYS...

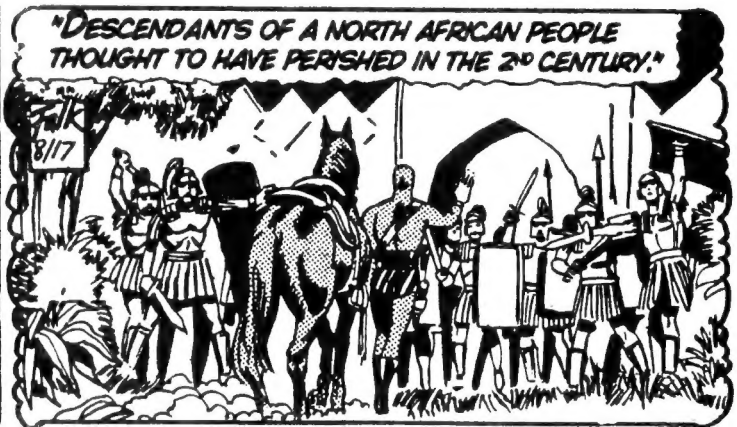
NEXT MORNING...
SECRET COMMANDER WAS HERE! UNSEEN!-AS ALWAYS.

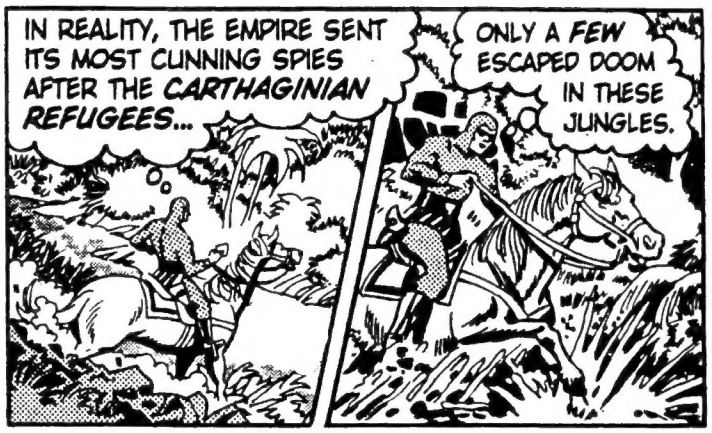
NEWS FROM THE JUNGLE PATROL, GHOST WHO WALKS?
TROUBLING NEWS, GURAN...
Falk 8/16

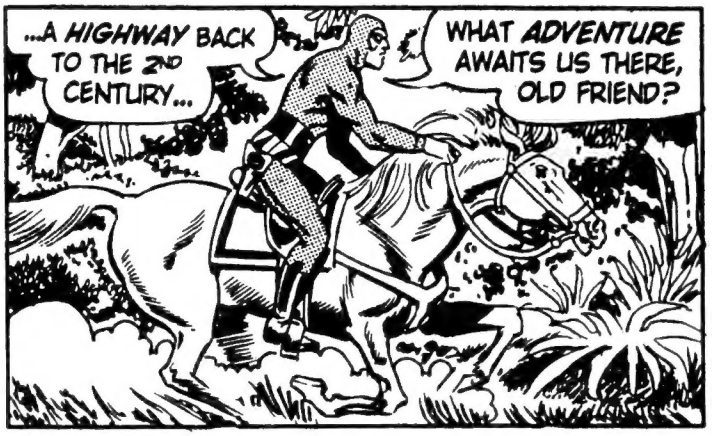
FOLLOW ME, OLD FRIEND.

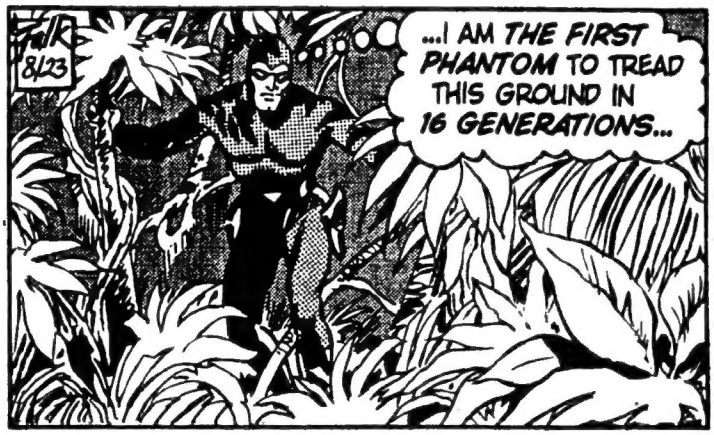
...I MUST SAVE AN ANCIENT RACE THAT THE MODERN WORLD MAY SOON DESTROY.
!!

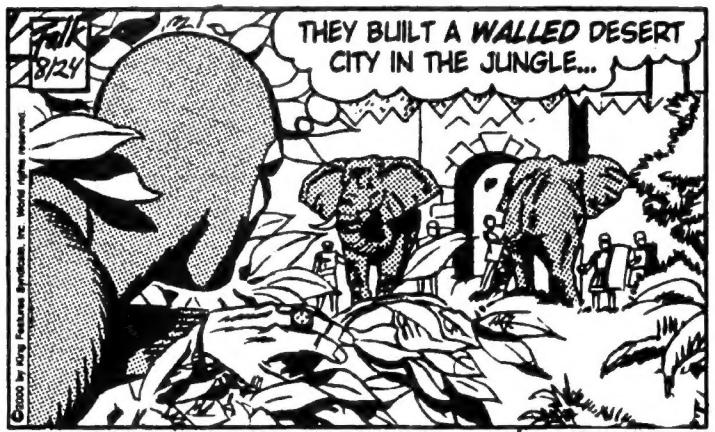
IN 1661, THE 5TH PHANTOM DISCOVERED A SECRET CITY...

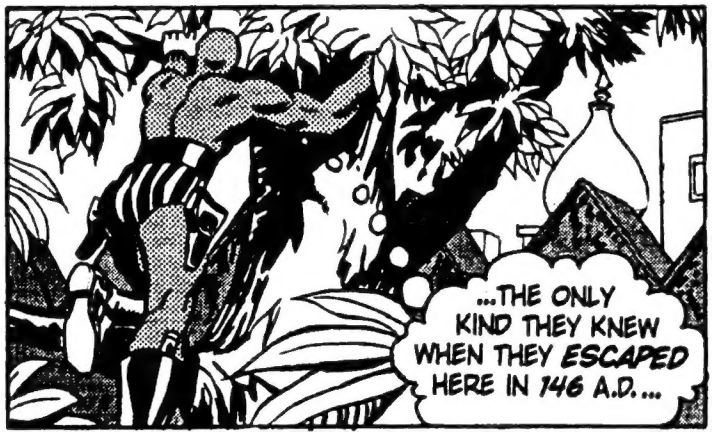

"DESCENDANTS OF A NORTH AFRICAN PEOPLE THOUGHT TO HAVE PERISHED IN THE 2ND CENTURY."
Falk 8/17











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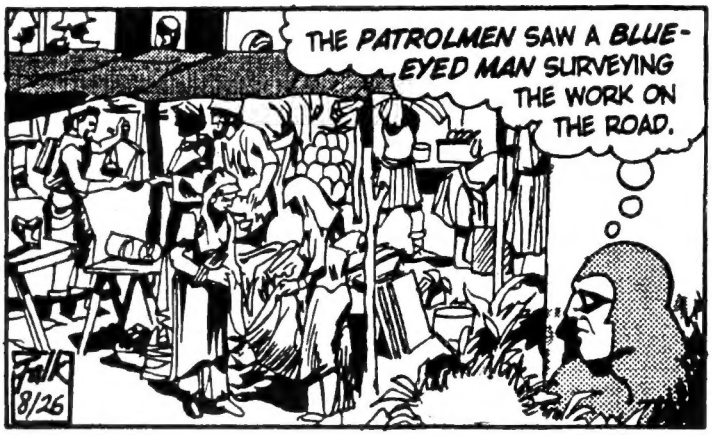

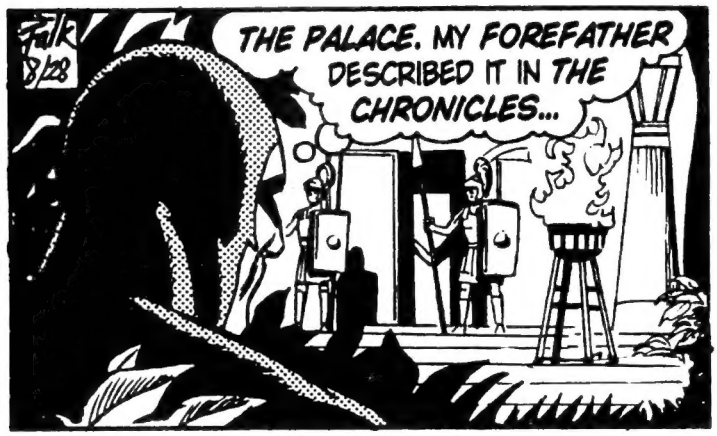

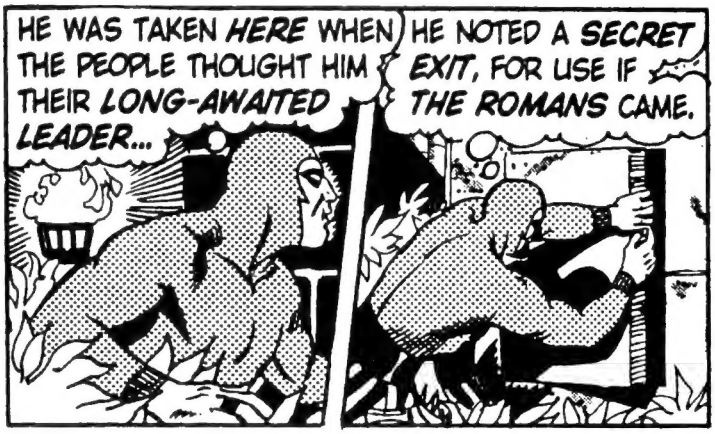

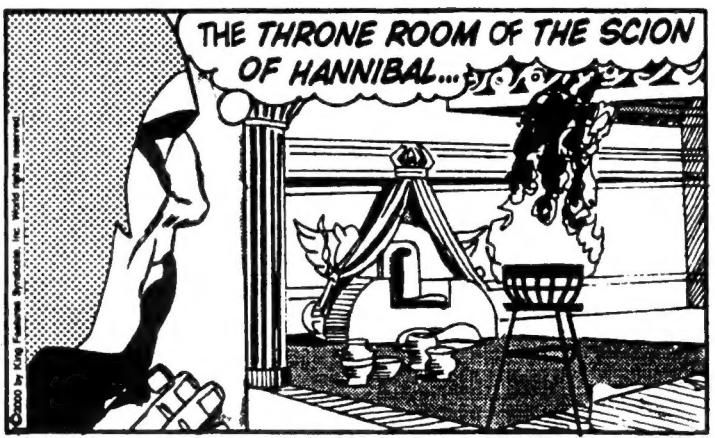

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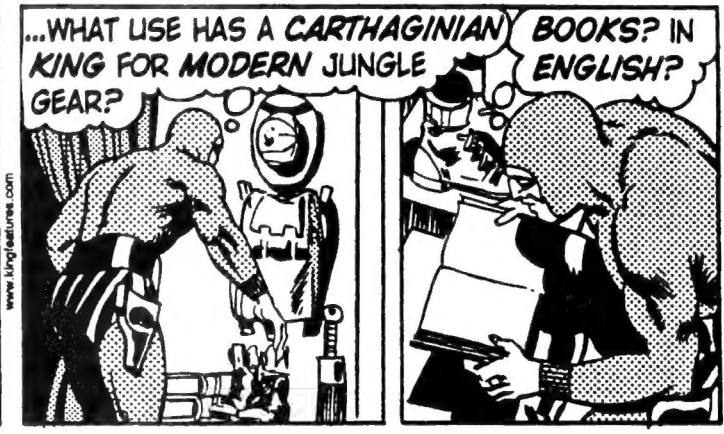
MUST BE HIS QUARTERS...
Falk 8/30


...WHAT USE HAS A CARTHAGINIAN KING FOR MODERN JUNGLE GEAR?
BOOKS? IN ENGLISH?

THE LEADER OF THE SECRET CITY...
Falk 8/31

SOMEONE'S COMING!

...NOW FOR SOME ANSWERS.

GUARDS ARE JUST DOING THEIR JOBS.
MUST NOT MARK THEM...

!!

Falk 9/1
STAY THAT WEAPON, AND LISTEN CLOSELY...

Falk 9/2
YOU SPEAK ENGLISH! WHO ARE YOU?
A FRIEND, IF YOU MEAN NO HARM...

YOU MEAN YOU CAME HERE FROM... FROM...
THE WORLD OUTSIDE? I DID.

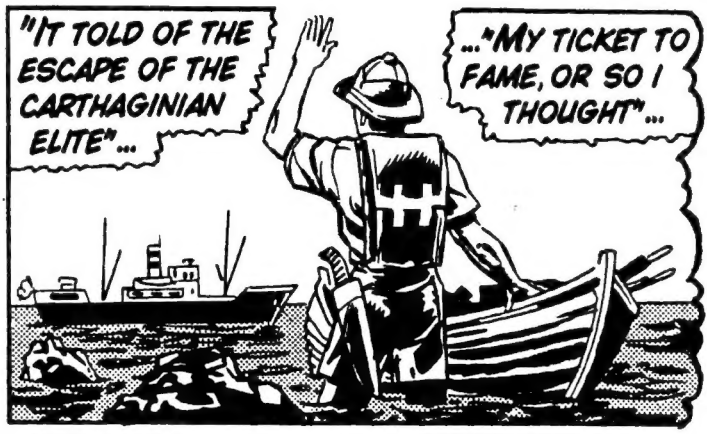
OH, AM I EVER GLAD TO SEE YOU!!
!?

GLAD TO SEE ME? WHY?
YOU GOT IN! THAT MEANS YOU CAN HELP ME GET OUT! RIGHT?

YOU'RE NOT THE SCION OF HANNIBAL?
OF COURSE NOT!- BUT DON'T TELL THEM THAT!

CHESTER KEATING, SIR, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON...
Falk 9/4

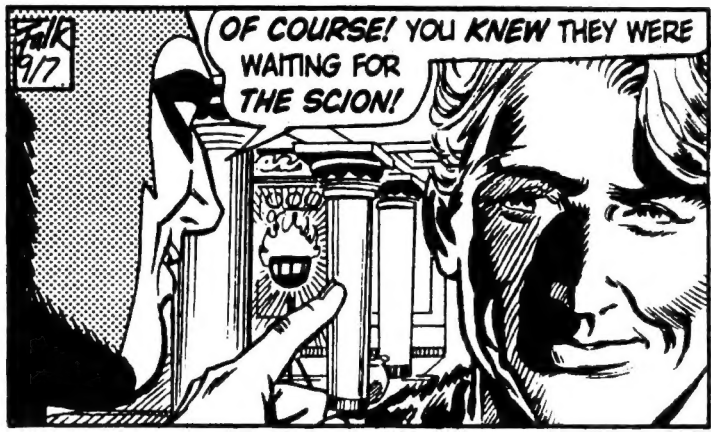
" I INTERPRETED AN ALLEGORY PENNED BY A ROMAN SPY WHO ESCAPED THIS COUNTRY ALIVE..."
Falk 9/5


"IT TOLD OF THE ESCAPE OF THE CARTHAGINIAN ELITE"...
..."MY TICKET TO FAME, OR SO I THOUGHT"...

"I SET OUT TO FIND THE SECRET RUINS OF THE CARTHA-GINIANS IN EXILE"...
Falk 9/6

"RUINS-HAH! AFTER 18 CENTURIES THEY HAD GUARDS ON WATCH FOR ROMAN SPIES!"

THEY MADE A CAPTIVE OF THEIR KING? WHY?
"BECAUSE I TOLD A TERRIFIC LIE TO SAVE MY NECK!"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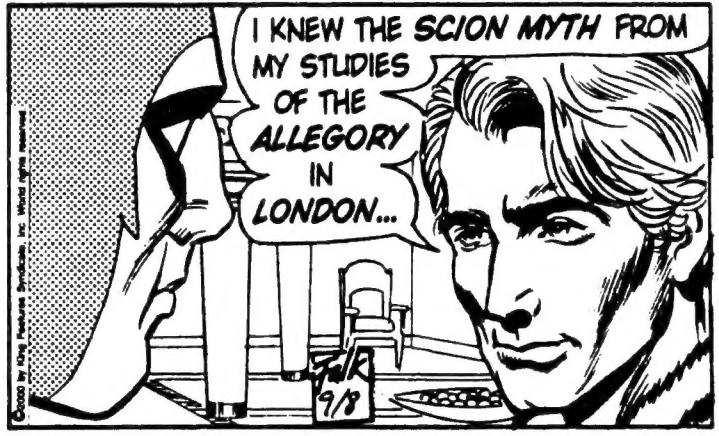
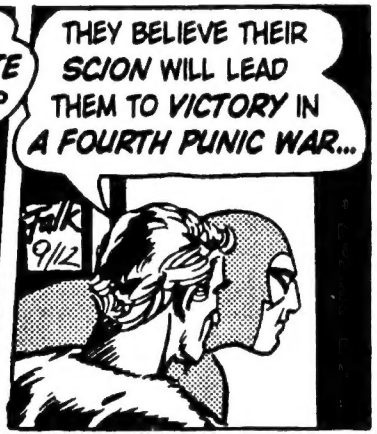
OF COURSE! YOU KNEW THEY WERE WAITING FOR THE SCION!





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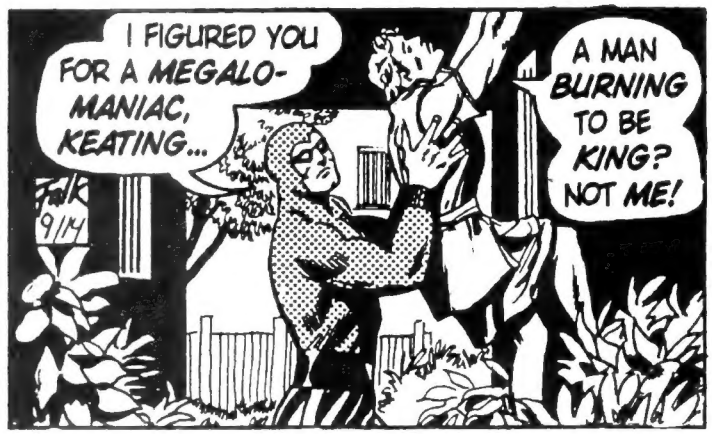
A SECRET PASSAGE? HOW DID YOU DISCOVER IT!?
READ ABOUT IT IN A BOOK ONCE...
Falk 9/13

WHO DID YOU SAY YOU ARE AGAIN?

I DIDN'T...STAY WITH ME, "SCION"...
I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU!


I FIGURED YOU FOR A MEGALO-MANIAC, KEATING...
A MAN BURNING TO BE KING? NOT ME!
Falk 9/14

I FELL INTO THE TRAP OF MY OWN CLEVERNESS...

ONCE WE GET YOU OVER THE WALL, NO HARM DONE...

OH, NO!!
IS THAT A HORSE?
Falk 9/15

NOT JUST A HORSE...MY HORSE...
WELL HE'S THEIR HORSE NOW. LET'S GO!
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THEY'RE BRINGING HIM INTO THE CITY...
PERFECT, THEY LEFT THE GATE UN-GUARDED!
Falk 9/16

HERO HAS OFFERED UP HIS LIFE FOR MINE 100 TIMES.
CHANGE OF PLANS, MY FRIEND...

THEY'VE NEVER SEEN A HORSE...
...BUT THEY KNOW THEIR ANCESTORS AND THEIR ENEMY, ROME, HAD SUCH CREATURES...
Falk 9/18

THEY'LL TAKE HIM TO BARAK AND XINIA.
THEN I BETTER THINK OF SOMETHING BY THE TIME WE GET THERE.

BARAK SAYS TO DOUBLE THE GUARD...A ROMAN SPY IS ABOUT...
THAT SEALS IT THEN...
Falk 9/19

NO WAY TO DO THIS QUIETLY...
!!!
TWEEET
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HERO! COME!
NOW YOU'VE DONE IT!
Falk 9/20

KEATING! QUICKLY!

SORRY, MASKED MAN...MUST SAVE MYSELF...
!

ASSASSIN! SPY!
!!NO NEED TO TRANSLATE I GUESS...
Falk 9/21

HOW VERY UNCOOL UNDER PRESURE, KEATING...
THIS WILL LOOK BAD IN MY FINAL REPORT.

ASSASSIN!
Falk 9/22

THE SCION IS SAFE --AND CARTHAGE WITH HIM!
THIS ROMAN WILL SUFFER WELL... BEFORE HE DIES...

MANY HANDS SEEK TO PULL THE PHANTOM OFF THE HORSE...
Falk 9/23

THEN...
TWAKK
UNHH!

CLOSE THE GATE!

MILES FROM THE SECRET CITY...
Falk 9/25

UNHHH...WHERE ARE WE, BOY?

I TOLD KEATING YOU SAVED MY LIFE 100 TIMES, HERO...
MAKE THAT 101...

GREETINGS, GHOST WHO WALKS...
HELLO, GURAN.
Falk 9/26

YOU ARE WOUNDED
YES, AND NOT MUCH TO SHOW FOR IT, OLD FRIEND...

MEANING TO SET THINGS RIGHT, I FEAR I HAVE MADE THEM WORSE...

YOU FOUGHT MANY SOLDIERS, BIG FRIEND?
ALMOST ONE TOO MANY, GURAN...
Falk 9/27
1552
1861

20 PHANTOMS WHO LIE HERE WILL HAVE TO WAIT A WHILE LONGER FOR ME TO JOIN THEM...
1703

YOU WILL RETURN TO THE SECRET CITY, BIG FRIEND?
YES, GURAN. KEATING MUST BE REMOVED.
Falk 9/28

THE CARTHAGINIANS WILL BE ENRAGED WHEN THE "SCION" OF HANNIBAL IS TAKEN...

THEY WILL SCOUR ALL BANGALLA FOR THE "ROMAN SPY" WHO STOLE HIM...

IF YOU STEAL THE SCION, THE CARTHAGINIANS WILL FINISH THE JUNGLE ROAD.
Falk 9/29

...FIGHT EVERY TRIBE THEY MEET...PERHAPS MARCH ON MAWITAAN ITSELF...

AND IF I DO NOTHING?
MAYBE THE SAME. TOUGH JOB BEING PHANTOM.

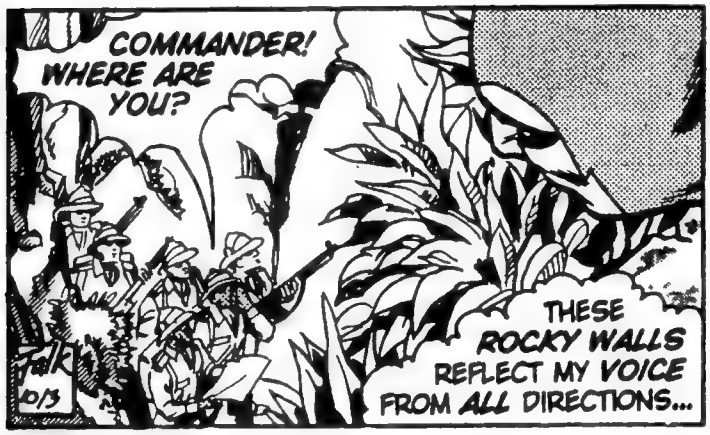
A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER...
Falk 9/30

SOMEDAY I HOPE TO MEET HIM IN PERSON.

AHA! THE DAY HAS COME! AT LAST!
Colonel,
Bring a dozen
men to the
listed below.
I will meet you

Falk 10/2
THE COORDINATES LEAD INTO THIS GORGE, COULD BE A TRAP, COLONEL...
PENCILLER
INKER

NONSENSE! DIRECTIONS FROM THE COMMANDER HIMSELF...
GREETINGS, COLONEL...RIGHT ON TIME...


COMMANDER! WHERE ARE YOU?
THESE ROCKY WALLS REFLECT MY VOICE FROM ALL DIRECTIONS...
Falk 10/3

LISTEN CAREFULLY... WE ARE GOING ON A MISSION TOGETHER...

YOU CAN SEE THE ROAD FROM HERE, COLONEL.
Falk 10/4

SAY WHY DID THE COMMANDER SPECIFY RUBBER BULLETS ON THIS MISSION?
HE KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING, ALWAYS HAS.

REMEMBER MEN, THE PLACE WE'RE GOING DOES NOT EXIST.
AND THE GUYS WHO WILL TRY TO HACK US UP WITH SWORDS?
Falk 10/5

TAKE IT UP WITH THE SECRET COMMANDER, CAPTAIN.
THANKS, DON'T THINK I WILL...

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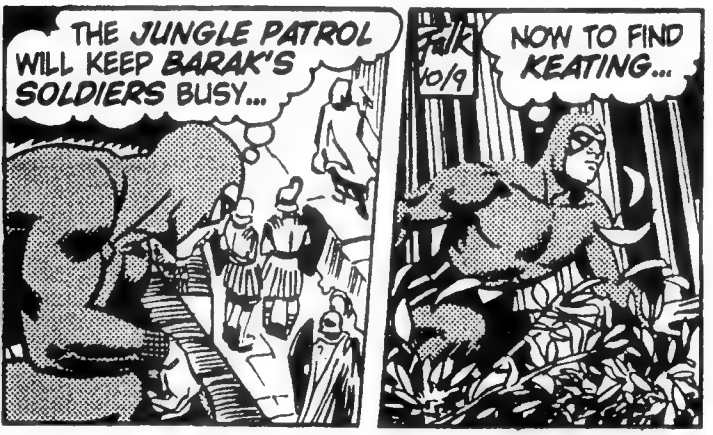

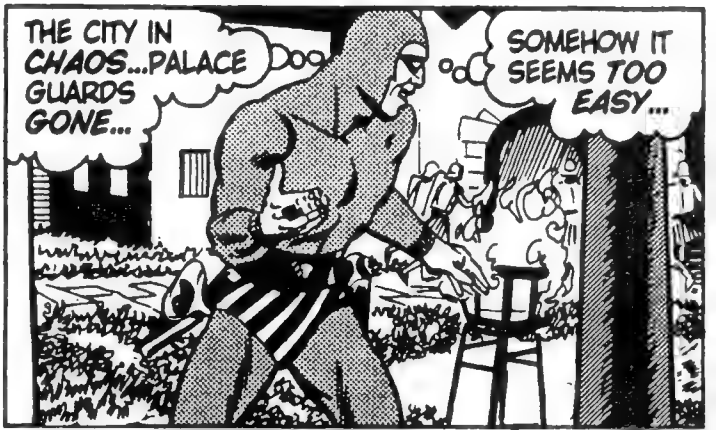

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SORRY, MASKED MAN. BARAK IS STRONG...
HITS HARD...
BUT,
Falk 10/16

...I DO, TOO.
SMAK

NOT MUCH TIME LEFT...
Falk 10/17
THE JUNGLE PATROLMEN WILL BREAK OFF THE FIGHT SOON...
CRACK

...IN MINUTES THIS PLACE WILL BE CRAWLING WITH SOLDIERS...
SMAK

DO WE HAVE EVERYBODY!?
BAP BAP BAP BAP!
ALL PATROLMEN ACCOUNTED FOR, COLONEL!
Falk 10/18

...IN TWO MINUTES WE DISENGAGE! KEEP FIRING!
BAP BAP BAP BAP!

UNBELIEVABLE! BARAK IS DEFEATED!
LET'S GO, KEATING!

THIS WILL HOLD THE PRIESTESS FOR NOW...
Falk 10/19

SORRY, XINIA. I'M NOT THE SCION OF HANNIBAL AFTER ALL!*
!!!
*IN THE CARTHAGINIAN LANGUAGE....

WE STILL HAVE A MINUTE OR TWO...
Falk 10/20

...PLENTY OF TIME TO SLIP THROUGH THE GATE AND VANISH...

GOODBYE BARAK! GOOD-BYE XINIA! YOU WILL HAVE TO INVADE ROME WITHOUT ME!
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WAIT! WHAT DID YOU SAY?
!?! YOU MEAN ABOUT THE CARTHAGINIANS INVADING ROME WITHOUT ME?
THAT'S IT...
Falk 10/21

FUNNY, A WISE FRIEND CAUTIONED ME ABOUT THAT.

HOW DO YOU KNOW THE SECRET COMMANDER GOT OUT IN TIME?
BECAUSE HE SAID HE WOULD, CAPTAIN...
Falk 10/23
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BESIDES, THE MAN IS INDESTRUCTIBLE.
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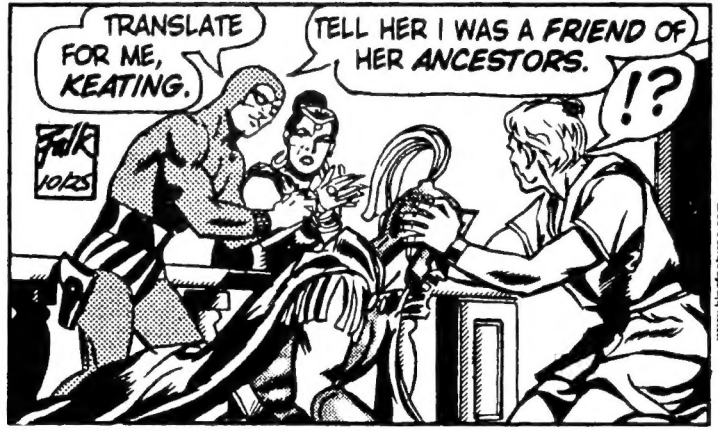
SOLDIERS COMING, WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

NO! WE HAVE TO GET AWAY!
Falk 10/24
THAT WILL SAVE US BUT NOT THESE PEOPLE...

THEY'LL COME LOOKING FOR YOU AND THE WORLD WILL DESTROY THEM.

YOU'VE DOOMED US BOTH, MASKED MAN.
...JUST DO AS I SAY.



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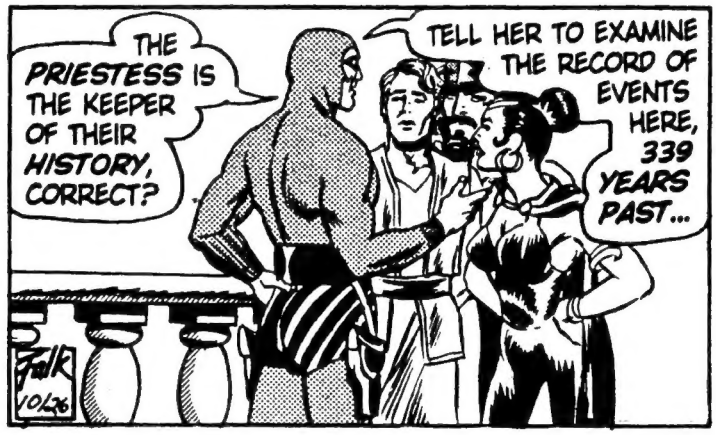

THEY SAY THEIR ANCESTORS CALLED YOU "PHANTOM" AND "GHOST WHO WALKS".
GOOD...
BUT WE'RE NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET, KEATING...
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Falk 10/30

TELL THEM I HAVE COME TO SAVE THEM FROM MAKING THE SAME MISTAKE TWICE...
?

TELL THEM I CAME FOR A SCOUNDREL, AN IMPOSTOR-- YOU!
?!
Falk 10/31

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE CARTHAGINIAN IDEA OF REVENGE IS!?
UNPLEASANT, I'M SURE...
...TELL THEM THEIR IMMORTAL FRIEND HAS WORSE IN MIND.

YOU DID WELL, KEATING... KEPT YOUR NERVE.
IT WAS NOTHING REALLY...
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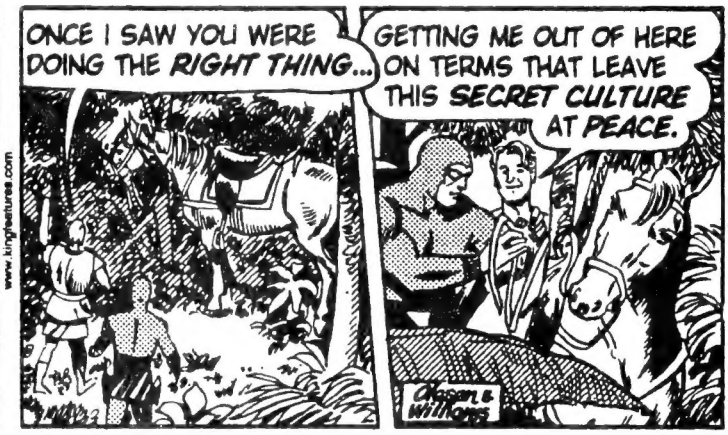
ONCE I SAW YOU WERE DOING THE RIGHT THING...
GETTING ME OUT OF HERE ON TERMS THAT LEAVE THIS SECRET CULTURE AT PEACE.
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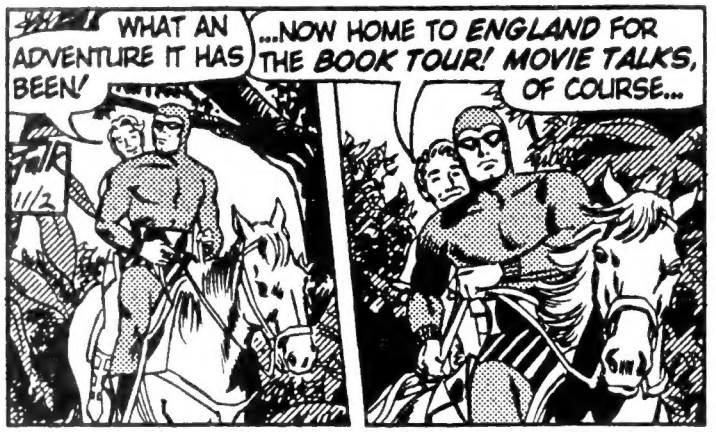
WHAT AN ADVENTURE IT HAS BEEN!
...NOW HOME TO ENGLAND FOR THE BOOK TOUR! MOVIE TALKS, OF COURSE...
Falk 11/2

...I SHALL BE FAMOUS!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, FRIEND...

NICE PLACE YOU HAVE HERE GHOST... WORTH A MENTION IN MY BOOK PERHAPS.
Falk 11/3

...AND WHO'S YOUR LITTLE FRIEND?

MEET GURAN, BANDAR MEDICINE MAN. OH, AND MASTER HYPNOTIST.
PUF!

HE'LL REMEMBER NOTHING, GURAN?
HIS NAME IN A DAY OR TWO PERHAPS...
Falk 11/4
PENCILLER
INKER

GOOD WORK, OLD FRIEND...

...YOU HAVE DONE MORE TO SAVE THE CARTHAGINIANS THAN I.

CAPTAIN SPEAKING...
...BEGINNING OUR DESCENT TO HEATHROW INTERNATIONAL...
Falk 11/6
HEAR THAT, PROFESSOR?

YOU'RE ALMOST HOME.

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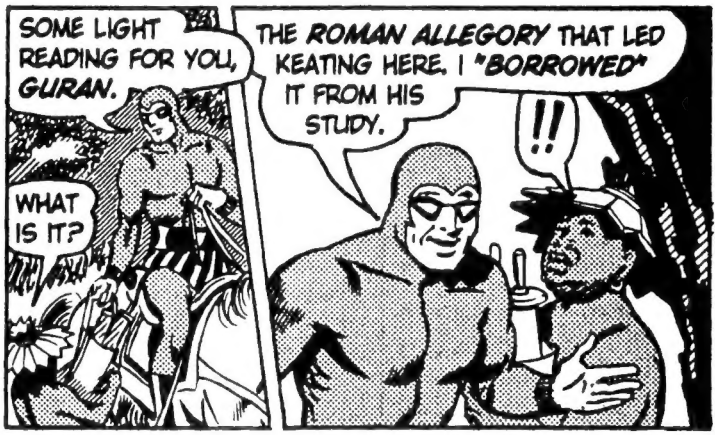
KEATING! GREAT GODS, MAN!
Falk 11/7

WE THOUGHT SURELY YOU HAD PERISHED IN AFRICA!



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